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# Action Research Report

## SUMMARY

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**Key themes:**

Community and Environmental Sustainability

**Key countries:**

Pakistan and Indonesia

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**Research aims:**

This research conducted a social impact assessment of mining investment in Balochistan (Pakistan) and Sangatta (East Kalimantan, Indonesia) with a specific focus on women's empowerment within a broader community context.

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## Social Impact of Mining on Women: Balochistan and Sangatta Compared

This research focused on the mining and community support activities undertaken by Tethyan Copper Company (TCC) in Balochistan in the Reko Diq area of Pakistan and by Kaltim Prima Coal (KPC) in Sangatta, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, and the perception among the recipients in the regions of their role in helping the communities.

The research included the following:

- focus group discussions with men and women in separate settings to assess the community views
- specifically designed qualitative questionnaires for women on the impact of mining on their lives, empowerment and ability to make purposive choices, within the framework of their understandings of purposive choices.
- interviews with decision-makers and stake-holders in national/regional/local government on the social impact of the investment on the community as a whole, and specifically the women in the region
- interviews with individuals involved in the mining companies in-country and in Perth to understand their motivations for community projects

The main findings are presented and the similarities and differences in the impacts for women compared between the two case studies.